

# Career Eagles Aviation Initiative

## Purpose

The Career Eagles Aviation Initiative is a joint initiative of The Ohio State University Center for Aviation Studies, The Knowlton Foundation, Youth Aviation Adventure, and the Experimental Aircraft Association. The Career Eagles Program engages and encourages today's middle and high school students to pursue careers in aviation through academic and extracurricular programs, scholarships and hands-on experiences. Career Eagles serves as a centralized pipeline for the nation's talented youth to launch their careers in aviation.

## Impact

One of the primary responsibilities of the Career Eagles Aviation Initiative, is as a resource and support system for our youth aviation partners. Collaboration with these organizations is the first tier of the Career Eagles Initiative.

Throughout 2015, Career Eagles worked to develop and build a wide variety of partnerships with local educational entities. Career Eagles has collaborated with the premier science center in Columbus, the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), as well as partnered with six different schools, representing 3 different districts and two private institutions. Career Eagles expects to expand its partnerships to schools and educational organizations throughout the state of Ohio and nationally.

In 2016, Career Eagles introduced the Preflight Program. While each youth aviation organization brings a wealth of opportunity and expertise, no pipeline currently exists for a student wishing to pursue a career in the aviation industry. The Career Eagles program seeks to fill that gap. Geared towards middle and high school students, the Career Eagles Program is for those students who wish to be a part of a mentorship program that



### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Engineering  
Center for Aviation Studies  
The Ohio State University Airport

### Community Partners Involved

The Knowlton Foundation  
COSI (Center of Science and Industry)  
Youth Aviation Adventure  
Experimental Aircraft Association  
Tuskegee Airmen  
Ohio Memorial Chapter  
Simon Kenton Council  
Columbus City Schools  
Upper Arlington City Schools  
Licking County School District  
Wellington School  
The Columbus Academy

will help them build their 'aviation resume.' The Career Eagles Program will leverage the strength of the current youth aviation partnerships, additional programming and scholarships, all in an effort to help students who wish to pursue a career in aviation.



## How you can get involved:

- Become a mentor to a student who is interested in aviation
- Help Career Eagles identify industry partners
- Encourage middle and high school students to attend one of our many events

## To get involved, contact:

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